

Presence of a Wing Claw in White-breasted Waterhen Young

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White-breasted Waterhen (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*) hatchling:
New-born – with egg tooth present

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Wing claws are present in several species of birds that give birth to precocial young, esp. ratites. The claws help the chicks to grasp and get support from vegetation while scampering behind their parents.

This is a short note to document the presence of wing claws in the downy young of White-breasted waterhens (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*).



Wing claw in the downy young of White-breasted waterhen



Wing claw in the downy young of White-breasted waterhen



Wing claw in the downy young of White-breasted waterhen – close-up



Wings of a White-breasted waterhen chick

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